

THE GENERAL LAW VILLAGE ACT (EXCERPT)
Act 3 of 1895

65.5 Village council; rules and record of proceedings; quorum; adjournment; compelling attendance; vote; ordinance or resolution appropriating money; publication of proceedings and vote; availability of certain writings to public.

Sec. 5. (1) The council shall prescribe the rules of its own proceedings, and shall keep a record of those proceedings. A majority of the members of council shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. A lesser number may adjourn and compel the attendance of absent members in a manner as prescribed by ordinance.

(2) An office shall not be created or abolished; a street, alley, or public ground vacated; real estate or an interest in real estate purchased, leased, sold, or disposed of; or a public improvement ordered, except by a majority vote of the members of council. The vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, and entered in the journal. However, a tax shall not be increased or a special assessment imposed except by an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the members of council.

(3) Money shall not be appropriated except by ordinance or resolution of the council. An ordinance appropriating money shall not be passed, or a resolution appropriating money shall not be adopted, except by a majority vote of the members of council. The vote shall be taken by yeas and nays, and entered in the journal. Within 15 days after a meeting of the council, a synopsis or the entirety of the proceedings, including the vote of the members, prepared by the clerk and approved by the president showing the substance of each separate decision of the council shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the village or posted in 3 public places in the village.

(4) A writing prepared, owned, used, in the possession of, or retained by the council or by the clerk, treasurer, or other officer of the village in the performance of an official function shall be made available to the public in compliance with the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246.

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